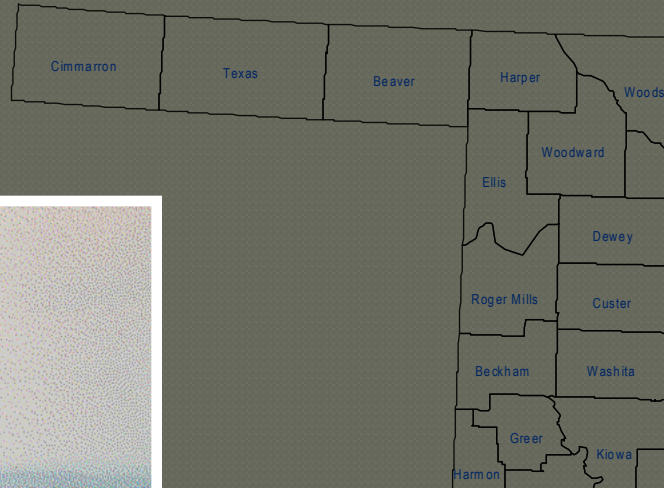


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1897 Historic
Riverbed

Wet Bed Claim
Area

COE
Ownership

Upland Claim
Area

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where does Tribal ownership begin on the Arkansas River? The ownership starts at Three Forks, confluence of Arkansas, Verdigris and Neosho or Grand Rivers. This spot location is sections 9 of T.15N-19E.
2. Where does Tribal ownership stop? The ownership stop at the Garrison River Bridge or the Arkansas State Line.
3. How many miles of river do they owned? Approximately 84 miles with approximately 21,016.39 acres.
4. What portion of the Arkansas River belongs entirely to the Cherokee Nation? That portion of the river from Three Forks to the Confluence of the Canadian River.
5. How many miles is that? 42 miles with 6,272.01 acres.
6. What portion of the Arkansas River Is owned jointly by the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw Tribes? Confluence of Canadian River to Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
7. How many miles from South Canadian to Robert S. Kerr Dam? 20 miles with approximately 10,334.17 acres.
8. How many miles from Robert S. Kerr to Arkansas State Line? 24 miles with 4,410.21 acres.

<http://arkriverbed.cherokee.org/Maps/tabid/2448/Default.aspx>

Several versions of maps are available showing the tribal ownership of the riverbed. One set of maps was created by the Cherokee Nation GIS Dept. Utilizing recent aerial photos and Corps of Engineers Navigational Charts. These Charts shows river mile markers and infrastructures .. You can also view the new Bureau of Land Management Survey Plats reflecting the Authority Ownership.

The Arkansas Riverbed Authority would like to share information regarding ownership of the Arkansas Riverbed with the COE, and I would like to see the GIS departments from the Cherokee Nation and the COE working together to prepare a map reflecting the ownership of each. This in turn would help both of us to control our interest and would allow the general public and commercial industries a chance to fully enjoy our lands and resources.

CHEROKEE, CHOCTAW, AND CHICKASAW NATIONS CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT

<http://arkriverbed.cherokee.org/SettlementAct/tabid/2452/Default.aspx>

**CHEROKEE, CHOCTAW, AND CHICKASAW NATIONS CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT – Public
Law 107-331, December 13, 2002, 25 USC 1779, 116 Stat. 2845**

**SEC. 605. SETTLEMENT AND CLAIMS; APPROPRIATIONS;
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Section (5) LAND TO BE CONVEYED IN FEE- To the extent the United States determines it is able to effectively maintain the McClellan-Kerr Navigation Way without retaining title to lands above the high water mark of the Arkansas River as of the date of enactment of this title, said lands, after being declared surplus, shall be conveyed in fee to the Indian Nation within whose boundary the land is located. The United States shall not be obligated to accept such property in trust.

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1. The Arkansas Riverbed Authority is eager to cooperate with the COE in finding lands and minerals that could be declared SURPLUS, in accordance with Section 5. The ARA would also be interested in buying lands along the Arkansas River and exchange those lands for land the Tribes would like to develop. The ARA would require information regarding where the COE would need lands for disposal of Dredge Materials along the river.

Arkansas Riverbed Authority (Nations)
Issues With the United States Army Corps of Engineers
(USACOE)

•Government-to-Government Relations Between the Authority and the USACOE .

•Use of Arkansas Riverbed Water from Three Forks to Arkansas State Line for generation of Hydro Power from Webbers Falls Lock and Dam 16 and Robert S. Kerr Lock and Dam 15.

•The USACOE acquired thousands of acres of surface and minerals from third party trespassers that were condemned for construction of the McClellan - Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. The Nations were never a party to those condemnations and have requested those lands above the high water mark of the Arkansas River be declared surplus, and conveyed in fee to the Indian Nation within whose boundary the land is located